

DRAFT MINUTES/UNAPPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting September 19, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:30pm.

I. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Al Centone, Frank Montagna, Chris Pagan,
Susan Puzycki, Mary Lou Stamp

Commissioners Absent: Bob Kowalewski

Staff Present: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Al Centone made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 16, 2016, seconded by Frank Montagna. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

None

IV. Director's Report

Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

Summer programs began June 27th and ended on August 5th. Again this summer there was a great turnout. The playground programs were held at Clintonville, Ridge Road and Montowese. The Day Camp program, held at the Recreation Center, accommodated over 200 children for the 6 weeks.

The "Music Under the Stars" concert series concluded on August 30th. All concerts were extremely well attended. The weather totally cooperated and every concert was held outside. There was great feedback from the public on the various performers. Ms. Pettit extended a special thanks to all the corporate sponsors for their continued support. She also thanked Police, Fire and Public Works for their assistance at each concert.

Swim lessons went very well. There were 137 children taking lessons during the summer.

The adult softball league ended on August 8th.

After the summer programs concluded, recreation went into shut down schedule. The week of August 10th, the pool was closed. The pool was drained. An inspection of the tiles, plugs, and drain showed all were in good condition with the exception of a few loose tiles on the pool floor. When the surge tank was drained it was discovered it needed to be repainted (epoxy) and needed to replace two valves. This extra work caused the pool to be shut down for two weeks rather than just one week.

The following two weeks, the Recreation Center was cleaned from floor to ceiling. Recreation is now ready again for programs.

Fall pool hours are now in effect.

Registration is underway for fall recreation and pool programs. Many programs have begun or will begin in the next week or so.

The track lights are on at the Mike Vanacore Field. Lights will be on Monday through Thursday evenings, as weather permits, until December 9th.

North Haven High School Girls swim team began their season on August 26th.
(M-F – 2:30 - 5:00 PM)

Hamden North Haven Swim team began their season on September 9th. (M-W-F – 5-7 PM/Sat. 6:30-8:30 AM)

The annual Halloween Party is scheduled to take place on Monday October 31st, from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. There will be face painting, refreshments, pictures with the Great Pumpkin and entertainment. Ms. Pettit cordially invited the commissioners to attend.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

Animal Haven Annual Tag Sale – was held on the Town Green on Saturday, May 21, 2016 and was very successful.

North Haven Memorial Day Parade was held on Saturday, May 28, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and included the use of Vanacore Field, Bailey Road Field and the Town Green.

Board of Education (BOE) Football commenced their Fall season on the Middle School Field on August 20, 2016.

Annual Music Under the Stars Concert Series – the annual summer concert series commenced on the Town Green and featured twelve (12) concerts this year starting on June 14, 2016 and concluding August 30, 2016.

Parishioner Gathering – for the Faith Methodist Church was held on Sunday, July 3, 2016 on the Town Green.

Family Movie Night - as hosted by the Pond Hill Baptist Church was held on Friday, July 15, 2016 on the Town Green.

USA Elite Girls Softball Event – hosted their annual event from July 15th – 17th, 2016 on the Bailey Road and Brook Fields and the DeMayo Athletic Complex. The event (Northern Exposure) was the largest and most successful tournament held to date.

North Haven Congregational Church – held their 300th Anniversary Celebration on the Town Green on Saturday, August 20, 2016.

Board of Education (BOE) Field Hockey commenced their Fall season on August 20, 2016 at the Brook Field.

Max Sinoway Baseball commenced with its Fall season on August 13, 2016 and will utilize Montowese Fields 1 – 4 through October 31, 2016.

North Haven Fall Baseball (Coach Tim Binkoski) has commenced its Fall season on Bailey Road for practices and games starting on August 21, 2016 and continuing through October 16th, 2016.

Youth Football commenced with their Fall Season on the Gateway Complex on August 1, 2016 and Sunday games on Vanacore Field through November 19, 2016.

North Haven Soccer Club commenced with its Fall season on August 22, 2016 at Grover Wyman, Ridge Road and Memorial Fields and continue through November 13, 2016.

North Haven Junior Indians commenced with its Fall season on Bailey Road on August 29, 2016 and will practice through October 27th.

Board of Education (BOE) Tennis started its Fall season on August 20, 2016 at the DeMayo Complex and play is held on Thursdays.

Dedication of Bike Path/Benches/Buy-A-Brick Area to Connor Kusmit – was held at the Grover Wyman Park on Sunday, August 28, 2016.

Sponsor a Bench Program – in April 2016, a meeting was held between First Selectman Michael Freda, the Gilbane Construction Company and the Connor Kusmit Family in regard to the “Sponsor a Bench Program”. Two benches were purchased by the Kusmit Family and Gilbane Construction and were later installed by Public Works at the Grover Wyman Park. These efforts were undertaken as part of the August 28th, 2016 dedication ceremony.

To date, three benches have been sold to the Knights of Columbus, Gilbane Construction Company and the Kusmit Family and were installed on the Town Green (2015) and in the Grover Wyman Park (2016), respectively.

Annual North Haven Fair - was held at the North Haven Fairgrounds on September 8th – 11th, 2016. The Town's Showmobile was transported to the Fairgrounds and utilized for the Four-Day Event.

Animal Haven Annual Walk-a-Dog-athon will be held on the Town Green on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

STEAP Grant Approval for Vanacore Complex and Concession Stand –on October 6, 2015, the Town received notification of an Award for \$500,000 from OPM to construct a new Concession Stand, Meeting Room and Bathroom Facility at Vanacore Complex. The Board of Selectmen approved of the necessary contract/paperwork through a Resolution at its February 4, 2016 Meeting. The Town and State's Office of the Attorney General then executed the contract.

On June 3, 2016, a Purchase Requisition was issued to Frankson Fence (State Bidder) for completion of the 2,000 LF of perimeter fencing. This work was completed on July 21, 2016. On June 7, 2016 a Purchase Requisition for architectural/engineering services was issued to Capital Studios Architects and design options were later presented to a Vanacore Complex STEAP Grant group. Design work continues. On June 30, 2016, a Purchase Requisition was issued to Trassig Corporation for ADA compliant visitors bleachers and associated concrete pad. This work will start September 15th and conclude by October 7th, 2016. Design alternatives are currently being explored where building materials and sizing are concerned.

Community Bulletin Board and Upcoming Events:

- May 16th - May 22nd – North Haven Congregational Church –Annual Pierpont Concert;
- May 23rd – June 5th – North Haven High School Field Hockey – Annual Fundraiser;
- June 6th – June 12th – North Haven Congregational Church Women's Fellowship Tag Sale;
- June 20th – June 26th – St. Teresa's Church for Annual Carnival;
- July 4th – July 10th – Hope Christian Church;
- July 11th – July 17th – Annual Movie Night on the Green (July 15th or July 16th) for Pond Hill Baptist Church;
- August 1st – August 21st – North Haven Congregational Church – Annual Picnic;
- August 22nd - September 4th – Annual North Haven Fair at the Fairgrounds – the Fair was held from September 8th through 11th;
- September 12th – September 18th – Shred Event for U.S. Wealth Management;
- September 19th – 25th – North Haven Shred Day – Ridge Road Elementary School;
- September 26th – October 2nd – North Haven Ski Club;
- October 31st to November 6th – North Haven Congregational Church – Women's Fellowship Holiday Bazar;
- November 14th – November 20th – Senior Center Holiday Bazaar - the Event will be held on November 18 & 19, 2016.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Approval of 2017 Schedule for the USA Elite Softball Tournament: USA Elite has requested the use of Bailey Road and Brook Fields and the DeMayo Athletic Complex for the weekend of July 14-16, 2017. Frank Montagna made a motion to approve the use of Bailey Road and Brook Fields and the DeMayo Athletic Complex, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor.

Policy regarding vendors on the Green during 'Music Under the Stars': Due to the number of requests for space on the Green during the 'Music Under the Stars' concert series, the Commission discussed the need for a policy to be put into place to limit the number of tables on the Green. The increase in the number of vendors on the Green would take away from the concert. Chairman Stamp and Ms. Sadosky will work on a policy to present at the November meeting to be voted on.

VII. Public Participation:

Joan Walsh, Pool Road, commented that during 'Music Under the Stars' walking from St. John St. across the Green there are many kids playing ball and Frisbee. She suggested having a sign posted advising there should be no ball playing during the concerts.

VIII. Adjournment:

Chairman Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Al Centone, seconded by Chris Pagan. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 5:30pm.